

REMARKS

This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, and is further to the Advisory Action mailed January 18, 2006.

Claims 21-25 are now pending. Claims 21-24 have been amended, and claims 11-20 have been cancelled, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

No new matter is added.

It is submitted that these claims are and were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. In addition, the amendment and remarks herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments and remarks herein are made simply to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Applicants verily believe that the new claims place the application in better condition for examination and allowance. Accordingly, an early and favorable examination on the merits, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, are respectfully requested.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended herein and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or an interview at a very early date with a view to placing the application in condition for allowance, are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date.

Respectfully Submitted,

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